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Filed:	January 19, 2000	Customer No.:	21559
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995. This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution.

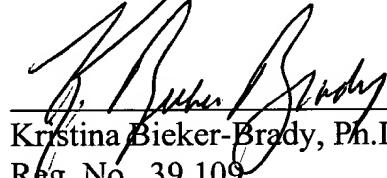
Enclosed is:

An amendment that is responsive to the final Office action mailed on
May 22, 2003.

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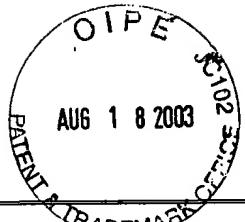
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks in response to the Final Office Action dated November 22, 2002 and the Advisory Action dated June 16, 2003, and in light of the Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, submitted herewith.